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## Clearance Sales--Begin Monday

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week's selling—reductions range from

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Christmas mass "Of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

Priests came and went, townspeople hurried to early mass and then away to their work, while the exhausted soldiers slept on. Now and then a non-commissioned officer would arouse a few men and they would slip quietly away with their bicycles on one of those expeditions which, for daring, have made the cyclist corps the most famous section of the Belgian army.

As the rising sun drove the deep shadows from the church, the roar of German guns beginning an attack on Nieupoort awoke the sleepers, and the great church became an animated scene of military activity. The religious services, however, went on as before.

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**CHICAGO JOBS PLENTY**

**Four Thousand Men, Laid Off,**

**DOG PUZZLE KEEPS**  
**UNION HILL BUSY**

**Councilmen Doubt Pound**  
**Officers' Bill for Catching**  
**186—To Take Census.**

There are 5,521 men, women and children in Union Hill, Hudson County, N. J., according to the last census. Councilman Weller of that town is now trying to ascertain how many dogs there are in Union Hill.

The question came up at a Council

## To Be Re-employed.

(By Telegram to The Tribune.)

Chicago, Dec. 25.—A canvas of several big firms in Chicago to-day revealed that about 4,000 men who have been laid off will receive to-morrow as a Christmas gift notice to return to work. The Pullman company has work for 1,200 additional men for 100 days, building 100 cars, at \$20,000 a car, for a Northern railroad.

The Inland Steel Company put to work yesterday 500 men, laid off earlier in the season. President Thompson of the company says more men will be put to work before the week ends. The American Contracting and Supply Company will put 150 laborers at work Monday and 400 more will be put on within a month. Twelve hundred more will be put on before spring.

meeting yesterday, when John Weidmann, official dog catcher and pound keeper of the township of Union Hill presented a bill of \$139.50 for catching, and impounding 186 dogs between November 9 and November 23.

The Council refused to pay the bill, contending that at the rate of 186 dogs in two weeks every canine in Union Hill ought to have been exterminated long ago.

How many dogs are there in this town? Councilman Weller asked of Dog Catcher Weidmann.

Weidmann didn't know, but stuck to his figures, and said that the last estimate he had was 75 dogs a week, which dog he was able to catch and impound.

Now the Councilmen are making a canvass of their neighbors to find out how many dogs there are in Union Hill, which is Weidmann's excuse for his preparations for next spring's dog hunt, which he says will be lucrative.

ge will put to work about 300 of the highest class of workmen within a week. The Illinois Central is placing orders for \$2,300,000 in equipment, requiring the labor of hundreds of men. The Chicago & Great Western is doing likewise, and will employ high class workmen in bar repair. The St. Paul road has placed an order for \$3,000,000 in copper wire and all roads are asking bids on freight cars.

The Armour Grain Company starts next week its \$2,000,000 grain elevator, with employment for 2,000 men at once.

In his opinion, dogs thrive on Union Hill's soil. "Everybody has a dog, and some have a whole family," said the dog catcher.

"The law says they must be muzzled when they are at large. I am appointed to see that the law is enforced. All charges are reasonable."

Asked what he had done with the 2,000-odd dogs which must have fallen into his hands in the summer months at the rate of 180 in two weeks, Weidmann merely shrugged his shoulders and buried himself with patching a net.

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